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THE DAILY DEBATE.

HEATED AND PROTRACTED DISCUSSION.

The Form of Oath.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 21.
Dail Eireann's debates on the treaty were most heated and unexpectedly prolonged. A decision is unlikely before Thursday, but a motion for the closure is necessary to secure the ending of the debate this week, and this would provoke further opposition.

The speakers yesterday were equally divided between supporters and opponents of the treaty. Mr. de Valera's insistence upon secrecy regarding his alternative treaty, which the Dail had already discussed in a three days' private session last week, hampered the debate.

There was a great scene yesterday when Mr. Milroy, supporting the treaty, revealed Mr. de Valera's form of oath—namely, "I swear to bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of Ireland and the Treaty of Association of Ireland with the British Commonwealth of Nations, and to recognise The King of Great Britain as head of the associated States."

Mr. Milroy said that the sole issue was the two forms of oath.

Mr. de Valera said that it was shameful to disclose a secret document.

Mr. Milroy demanded whether Mr. de Valera was going to send the youth of Ireland to the shambles for a shadow.

Similar warmth characterised the remainder of the debate. Mr. Cavan Duffy recommended the adoption of the treaty "in pursuance of the pledge extorted from him when he signed." There was no alternative to the treaty, which gave Ireland a power she had not had for hundreds of years.

Mr. Duggan declared that he was not frightened by Mr. Lloyd George when he signed, and ridiculed the idea that the delegates had been bluffed.

Humour and Tragedy.

Later.
The most striking speech on the resumption of the Dail sitting was one by Mr. Cosgrave, Minister of the local Government, which kept the Dail rocking with laughter. In an attempt "to laugh the Opposition's case out of court," he completely restored the humour of the Dail, which was threatening to become stormy. He urged that the treaty gave the Southerners an opportunity of persuading the Northerners to co-operate in giving Ireland a proper place in the world.

Miss Mac Swiney, sister of the former Lord Mayor of Cork, vehemently attacked the treaty, declaring that it was ratified and would devote her life to teaching the children of Ireland that the treaty was the greatest treachery in history.

The Dail adjourned.

Alleged Sinn Fein Desertions Lead to Fatal Encounter.

London, December 21.
The police pursued Sinn Feiners who had kidnapped fifteen alleged deserters from the Irish Republican Army at Feeney, County Derry. A sharp battle occurred at Cranagh, in which six Sinn Feiners were killed and 20 wounded, while five Sinn Feiners and thirteen of the kidnapped were captured, also large quantities of munitions.

VISIT OF JAPANESE COMMERCIAL MISSION.

King George's Reply to Address.

London, December 21.
The King received at Buckingham Palace the Japanese Commercial Mission which is studying the commerce and industry of Britain. The Mission presented an address in which they referred to the joyous expectation with which all classes in Japan were anticipating the visit of the Prince of Wales. The message expressed a heartfelt wish that every success will attend the Prince's high mission, and trusted that H.R.H. when re-welcomed home, would bring many happy memories of his visit to Japan.

The King, replying, said that he preserved the happiest recollections of his visit to their beautiful land over forty years ago, and was delighted to think of the approaching visit to Japan of his dear son, the Prince of Wales, to which the mission had referred in such gratifying terms.

"It is a great satisfaction to me, as also to him," said his Majesty, "that he will have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with your great country, endeared to us by so many ties of friendship and alliance, and of returning the compliment paid to me by the visit of his Imperial Highness, the Crown Prince of Japan last May."

NO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOR PREMIER.

Difficulties in Pourparlers with M. Briand.

London, December 21.
Mr. Lloyd George's visit to Criccieth for Christmas has been abandoned, this being due to difficulties in the conversations with M. Briand.

Supreme Council to Meet.

Later.
As the result of conversations between Mr. Lloyd George and M. Briand, it has been arranged that the Supreme Council meet at Cannes to decide the reparations issue in the middle of January. M. Briand is returning to Paris forthwith.

The Anglo-French conference has not reached entire agreement regarding the reports of the financial experts on the reparations question, but a sufficient measure of agreement has been reached to make the reports the basis of a discussion with the other Allies.

Germany will not be represented at the meeting of the Supreme Council at Cannes, but a German representative may be summoned in order to assist the deliberations.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

Rearranging the Commands.

London, December 21.
Vice-Admiral Sir Osmond Brock has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Squadron in succession to Admiral de Robeck, who has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet. Rear-Admiral Sir George Brand has been appointed to the command of the first light-cruiser squadron.

BRITISH OVERSEAS BANKS ASSOCIATION.

Mr. W. E. Preston's Election.

London, December 27.
Mr. W. E. Preston, Chairman of Directors of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, has been elected Chairman of the Committee of the British Overseas Banks Association for the ensuing year.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

FRANCE'S POSITION RESPECTING NAVAL RATIO.

U. S. Secretary's Candid Communication.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, December 21.

Mr. Hughes' letter to M. Briand is couched in the frankest and gravest language. It says that the proposed agreement is tremendously in favour of France, as it really doubles the French Navy's relative strength. He feels, therefore, that the proposal that France shall build ten new capital ships suggests a programme of such magnitude as to raise the greatest difficulties. In fact, I regret to say, proceeds the letter, "that it would not be possible on this basis to carry through an agreement in and not against the interests of France. We express the hope that her industry and resources will be devoted to her economic recuperation and the enhancement of her prosperity rather than be expended upon building fighting ships. At this time, when we are anxious to aid France in the full recovery of her economic life, it would be disappointing to be advised that she is contemplating putting a hundred millions into battleships."

Finally, the letter hopes that this matter, representing perhaps the most critical position yet reached at the Conference, may be satisfactorily adjusted.

The French Spokesmen's Pleas.

Washington, December 21.

Admiral Dubon having tabulated the precise figures of submarine and other light-craft tonnage which France will submit to the Naval Committee to-morrow as the minimum required for defensive purposes, M. Sarrat declared that the submarine strength of Britain, the United States, and Japan could not be taken as the measure of the French figures, which would represent France's irreducible necessities. Admiral Dubon said that France gave everything in the war for peace and not obtained peace. They were giving up the Navy now because the American Government asked them.

On behalf of the Italian delegation, it is stated that Italy's policy will be largely guided by the naval strength allotted to France.

Differences in the Chinese and the Japanese Railway Terms.

Washington, December 21.

The Sino-Japanese negotiations deadlock is due to failure to agree upon the question of the payment for and administration of

the Tsingtao-Tsingtao-fu Railway.

A Chinese delegate asserted that the Japanese declined the offer of cash and proposed to spread the payments over twenty years, giving China the option of retiring the debt in ten years' time. The Chinese wanted ten years with the option of a final settlement after three.

The Japanese would only concede an option period of five years.

Japan also wanted Japanese as traffic manager, chief engineer, and accountant.

Marshal Foch and M. Viviani Back in France.

Paris, December 21.

Marshal Foch and M. Viviani have arrived from Washington.

THE KAPP CONSPIRACY TRIAL.

Junker Witnesses, Including Ludendorff, Saving Their Skins.

Berlin, December 21.

A sensational conspiracy trial arising out of last year's Kapp insurrection has ended. The Supreme Court at Leipzig sentenced von Jagow, formerly Police-President of Berlin, to five years' imprisonment in a fortress for treason. The other accused, Baron Wangenhein and Dr. Schiele, were acquitted.

The trial developed into a skin-savvying competition, the witnesses, including Ludendorff, bearing implication in the insurrection, endeavouring to justify their actions.

Ludendorff's evidence in particular revealed the hopeless muddle and lack of organisation in which the Kappists wallowed from the start, rendering the venture a forlorn hope.

DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPEAN POLITICS.

Austria Enters the Little Entente.

London, December 21.

An important change in European politics has been effected by an agreement concluded between Austria and Czechoslovakia at Prague on the 16th inst., marking the entry of Austria into the Little Entente.

The terms of the treaty read: At a National Council at Vienna to-day both States mutually pledged themselves to execute the St. Germain and Trianon peace treaties, and to support each other politically and diplomatically with a view to maintaining the peace of Europe and preventing the restoration of the old regime.

SOVIET ALLEGED TO HAVE STOLEN TIMBER.

Scandinavian Shipowners' Caution.

Christiania, December 21.

The Scandinavian Shipowners' Association has received warning from its representative at Rotterdam in regard to accepting freights for timber from Russia, because recently the timber cargoes of three Scandinavian ships arriving in Holland were seized at the instigation of Dutch timber merchants, who asserted that the timber was theirs, and that it had been stolen by Soviet officials at Archangel.

THE CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY.

Russian Protest Against Washington Negotiations.

Washington, December 21.

Mr. Chicherin has protested against the discussion of the Chinese Eastern Railway by the Washington Conference, to which Russia was not invited, though she had expressed her willingness to return the railway provided that certain guarantees were given by China.

REDUCED RAILWAY FREIGHTS.

Estimated Loss of Revenue—£10,000,000.

London, December 21.

It is estimated that the reduction in the railway freight rates mentioned in yesterday's cable will result in a loss of £1,000,000 to the revenue of the railways.

NOTORIOUS MOPLAH LEADER CAPTURED.

Calicut, November 21.

Chambraseri Thangal, the notorious Moplah leader, who advocated the death of all non-Moslems, has been captured. (Other Telegrams on Page 12.)

THE VACCINATION CAMPAIGN.

A Purely Precautionary Measure.

The Government vaccination campaign will soon be in full swing. There is no need for alarm, only three imported cases of small pox so far having been notified (these from Shanghai) but the authorities believe in the old adage that prevention is better than cure, and so an opportunity is given to the public to be inoculated against the disease.

The first station to be opened will be at the Peak. This will be at Nos. 79 and 80, Government Buildings, opposite the Peak School. Peak residents have been circularised, we understand, and they are asked to do their best to get their servants to attend and be vaccinated. The station will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week, from ten o'clock in the morning until half-past twelve. All vaccinations will be performed free of charge.

Other stations will shortly be opened in the centre of the town, in Kowloon, and in the Chinese quarters, the dates to be notified later.

The campaign is to be carried out on similar lines to that of 1917, when, it will be remembered, there was a terrible epidemic of small pox in the Colony. Dr. Woodman, who conducted the previous campaign, is to be in charge, and he will be assisted by Mr. Tsao, who did such valuable work in inducing the Chinese to come forward in 1917. Certain

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INTERPORT GOLF.

The Hon. Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club has received the following telegram from the Secretary of the Shanghai Golf Club:—Team consists of Barrett, Booth, Cumming, Ferrier, Pebbles, Roberts. Propose sailing by Empress of Japan on 10 January, to play on the eighteenth and return on twenty-first.

CHINESE NEWS.

Another Japanese Loan?

Our Canton correspondent says, that according to a report from Wuchow, President Sun Yat-sen has instructed Shu Sung-chi, Commander of the Second Division, to distribute his force at Wuchow along river banks to Kwailin for the protection of the traffic.

The Provincial Treasurer has received an important instruction from the Governor that henceforth all the salt revenue must be sent direct to the Treasury instead of being sent to the headquarters in Kwangsi. All the stations concerned must be notified.

A Peking telegram states that some Japanese capitalists have arrived to take part in negotiations of a loan of 10 or 20 million dollars. The public parks in Jeho, some forests in the east of Shantung, and many waste places in Chekiang will be given as security. The loan would be known as the "Chino-Japanese Development."

Chen Jok-lin has made official calls on all the Legations.

A Shanghai telegram says it is reported that a representative from Luk Wing-ting has proposed to Wu Pu-foo a scheme for re-opening Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

We take the following from the *London Times*:

Schemes have been prepared by the Public Works Bureau of Hainan to improve the highways in the island. Along the beach of the sea-side of Haikow will be constructed a road for the purpose of facilitating business transactions of the community. The proposal has been submitted to the Governor for consideration, it is stated.

A scheme has been drawn by the High Procurator, Mr. Lin Cheung, to erect a New Gaol in Canton. The old gaol situated near the Nam-hoi Magistrate's Yamen is considered a suitable locality for the new building. This has been approved by the Governor.

Since assuming his office as district magistrate, the new

magistrate of Tungkun has decided to establish a city municipality in Tongkun City with a view to improve the different affairs of the city.

It is reported that the streets in the city will be widened in order to facilitate communication.

Public Health, Public Safety, etc., will be established. As the mayorship of the Municipal government, the magistrate has decided to select a well-qualified person to fill this important post.

A market will be established on the Liu Chiu Street, which is the centre of the city.

Prohibition on rice in Kwangsi is temporarily withdrawn by the Kwangsi Government at present.

In order to raise some funds to pay off the debts of the Kwangsi Government amounting to nearly \$1,000,000 per day, because there are great quantities of rice being imported by the Kwangtung merchants from

Kwangsi.

"NO MORE £2,000 A YEAR MEN."

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WORLD THEATRE

THE BRITISH LEGION.

Recent Controversy
Discussed.ROOM FOR BOTH
ASSOCIATIONS.

There was an attendance of about 60 at the special general meeting of the British Legion held in the Chamber of Commerce room at the City Hall last evening, to adopt the constitution. Brig. Gen. E. B. McNaughten was in the chair.

The Chairman began by saying that in what he had to say he would be expressing only his own sentiments and would not be committing the committee in any way.

At the first general meeting he asked any who thought of bringing

up any controversy or discussion

to seriously consider the advisability of doing so, lest such discussion should prejudice the prospects of the British Legion at its commencement.

He was grateful and was so still, because no one spoke, although he was well aware a good many were "itching

to let drive." Since then he had been aware that several ex-

servicemen, for some reason or other, had not joined the British

Legion, and he realised that in an

Association of this kind one could

not possibly please everybody

who are members of the British

Legion becoming a member of that Association.

At home the British Legion flourishes and yet

they have their smaller associations; there is an "Ypres" league

who were down and out. "It was

away from Hongkong in November,

and was rather disappointed

on my return to find this some-

what acrimonious correspondence

that the cabaret dance we had was

had taken place in the local press.

I did think that anybody in the

I would remind you that members

British Legion who had a grouse of the Committee, realising that

before embarking on a campaign

of that kind, could have come volunteered, individually and col-

to me or to any member of the

Committee of the Legion first;

cannot say it is our fault, we are

and then, if not satisfied, by all

here now. If there is any griev-

means go to the newspapers. In-

stead, a correspondence was start-

ed in the papers which has done

of putting things right. Person-

ally, I shall be only too glad to

hand over to the gentleman whom

you elect as my successor, and I

can assure him of my very

honor of knowing "Ypres," and I

sincerely hope he will shortly

reveal himself to me, because I

that that is the opinion of the

have much sympathy with his other members of the committee."

sentiments and congratulate him

The Cabaret Dance.

on the way he put his case—it

"When the cabaret dance was

was very lucid and very clear;

over I was extraordinarily pleased

but I think he has made one very

great mistake. It seems to me that

he jumped to the conclusion that

we had formed our own rules for

the British Legion without in

any way considering the rules

and regulations which govern

other similar associations in Eng-

land. He was quite wrong if he

thought that. There is not a

single member who is not en-

titled to be one except one member

of the regular forces; I am afraid

we shall have to ask that gentle-

man to withdraw. I have much

sympathy with "Ypres" and other

gentlemen who have similar senti-

ments, and if Earl Haig had en-

trusted me with the task of form-

ing the rules I think I should

have been sorely tempted to make

them a little more exclusive. But

he did not ask me, nor "Sailor,"

who incidentally is not a member

of the British Legion. I think

you must allow that there was a

good deal of hot air expended to

no purpose, to the detriment of the

British Legion, and that cor-

respondence was based on a mis-

conception as to how our rules

were framed out here. Before

I think that in all this discussion

people have rather lost sight of

the fact that we are not here so

much for dinners and dances as

to help ex-servicemen who are

down and out."

The Prince's Visit.

You know the British Legion

is more or less committed to

entertain H.R.H. the Prince of

Wales when he comes to Hong-

kong, and I do hope that when he

comes he will not find the British

Legion a house divided against

itself. We shall wish to do him

well and I do hope he will find a

British Legion that is working

together when he comes. I say

once more that I see no harm in

any man joining the Active

Service Men's Association, if

he is eligible to do so, but he can surely

be a loyal member of both."

Brigadier General Macnaghten

quoted from a telegram received

from H.M.S. Renown, which made

it clear that the Prince contem-

plated meeting members of the British Legion, and concluded by repeating the aspiration that the Prince when he came would find the British Legion working together and not at sixes and sevens. (Applause).

The Volunteers.

Mr. A. M. Bowes Smith raised

the question as to whether a Hongkong Volunteer was an ex-serviceman. If he was, Mr. Bowes Smith suggested that his admin-

stration conflicted with one of the aims and objects of the Legion—

"to raise and co-ordinate funds

for the purpose of assisting ex-

servicemen and their dependants.

Mr. Murdoch thought there was

no objection to Hongkong Volun-

teers helping ex-servicemen.

Mr. D. J. Lewis: And no reason

why an ex-serviceman should

not help a volunteer who is down

and out. The Chairman suggested

referring the question home as

making a good test case. But

when the answer came back,

would the questioner abide by the

decision whatever it was?

Mr. Bowes Smith: I must say

I shall lose any interest in the Legion if it includes local volunteers.

Ex-servicemen would be

dotted if all the volunteers in Hongkong joined the Legion. They

could place us in a minority.

Col. Bird said that at least 50

per cent—he could not give the

exact percentage—of the volun-

teers were "pukka" ex-servicemen.

so that with their support the ex-

servicemen would not be flooded.

The Secretary (Mr. H. K.

Holmes) said there was a distinc-

tion between the volunteer serving

to-day and one called up by pro-

clamation during the war. The

latter had served with the colours.

Mr. Bowes Smith thought that

the wide scope of membership of

the Legion was due to fear of the

authorities at home that ex-

servicemen might have too much

power. The basis was therefore

made as wide as possible in order

to curb them.

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"Some time ago I had a severe attack of pneumonia. Instead of gradually regaining my strength after the disease left I seemed to stand still. I began to think that I should always be a burden on those about me. I had severe headaches and attacks of extreme weakness when it was impossible for me to move. My appetite was poor and there was a burning sensation in my stomach after eating. Sometimes this was followed by a piercing pain.

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"BLUE BOY" REPORTED

TO HAVE BEEN RE-SOLD.

An American Purchaser.

According to a report current in America Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" has been bought by Mr. H. E. Huntington, a transport magnate.

The price mentioned is \$640,000 or, roughly, £160,000.

Sir Joseph Duveen, who recently bought the picture from the Duke of Westminster, is in New York.

Mr. Huntington returned to New York from Paris, recently, and the deal may have been arranged between them personally.

Sir Joseph Duveen became possessor of the "Blue Boy" and Sir Joshua Reynolds's canvas, "Mrs. Siddons as the Tragic Muse," together for the sum of £200,000.

It was understood that the amount paid for the "Blue Boy" alone was £157,500. This is the largest sum ever known to have been given for a picture.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th Dec., at 10 a.m.

All claims must reach us after the 31st Dec., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 20th Dec., 1921.

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY.

Chinese Lecture on East and West.

Chinese lecturers speaking in English are sufficiently rare in Hongkong to make their addresses of considerable interest, and when the lecturer is a lady it is such a striking sign of changing things Chinese that one looks for a big attendance. It was only a fair crowd, however, that attended at the Helena May Institute last evening, when Miss Zung Wai-tung, who represented China at the Working Women's Congress at Geneva recently, discussed labour conditions in Europe and in China. The title of the lecture was "Chinese Women and Children in Industry". Miss Zung spoke well, with a little accent. She looked very girlish and her hearers were agreeably impressed with her confident address. Miss Mackay presided.

Miss Zung first reviewed for her audience the two conferences which she had just attended at Geneva, the Working Women's Congress and the International Labour Conference held under the aegis of the League of Nations.

The speaker mentioned the matters discussed. She explained that the Women's Congress

was not held under the League of Nations, but the working women of the world thought it would not be fair for men to decide so many questions in regard to women and children; and so the women gathered themselves together to discuss the same matters that would be brought before the International Labour Conference, with the special form provided and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

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Hongkong, 21st Dec., 1921.

CHINA ADVISED TO JOIN RUSSIA!

The Chinese press notes that a circular, emanating from some source unknown, is going the round of the Settlement expressing disappointment with the evasions of the Powers at Washington, and advising the Chinese people to join hands with the Russian Soviet Government.

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would do similarly, and trusted that day was not far distant. With that Colony and Canton before them, she felt that other parts of China would follow the good examples set.

Happy Hongkong Workers.

Miss Zung said she was very happy, arriving from Europe three days ago, to touch at this part of the country. The first thing she heard was that the British Government here and the Hongkong people, including Chinese, had already done much to improve the condition of the workers, especially in one particular, child labour. If she had known that before she went to Geneva, she could have taken the message from here to the Congress and perhaps the delegations from other countries would have been happier.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1921.

OUR LAWS.

The case heard at the Magistracy yesterday in which the Kwong Kwai photographic store was convicted of selling a poisonous article without authority threw interesting light on the slack way in which the Ordinance under which the charge was brought has been administered. The defendants did not seem to know that they could not sell cyanide of potassium for photographic purposes, this was the first case of its kind ever brought under the Ordinance, although the Ordinance was brought in several years ago, and there was enough argument in Court to show that the law has been administered in a lax way. Still, the case had a value from the point of view of publicity and we shall doubtless see a closer eye kept on these things. Photographic stores now know where they stand.

While we are on the question of the administration of one Ordinance, we take opportunity to refer to the Colony's Ordinances generally and the almost hopeless task it is to look up a point. Ignorance of the law is no plea, but to know the laws of this Colony is beyond the capabilities of the average man and often beyond the capabilities of trained lawyers. The reason for this is that the Government has generally proceeded on the principle of amending the law by reference instead of by entirely new enactment. Let any man try to look up a particular point and he will possibly find that the original Ordinance has been amended by several succeeding Ordinances, all of which refer him back to the original, and so on. Our volumes of the Colony's Ordinances are full of foot notes and references, asterisks, daggers, those curious little wiggly things, double daggers, etc., and to trace them all to their proper places is a task of no mean order. In fact, even when one has finished that kind of thing and marked all the pages it is often impossible to trace the last word on a given point. There ought to be some better method than this, and it has been urged that the only satisfactory way of keeping our laws up-to-date and keeping them in a concise form as well, is to make any amendment by the simple expedient of repeating all existing Ordinances on a subject and introducing one complete new Ordinance. This would undoubtedly entail extra work on the part of the Colony's law officers and would put out of date many of the volumes which adorn the shelves of the Colony's legal men. But it would certainly simplify the task of all concerned with the law, its interpretation and administration.

When it is remembered that every man is supposed to know the law—at least the criminal law—the necessity of having some simple means of reference is made obvious.

If we take the recent Rents' Ordinance, we find that, although it was passed only a few months ago there have been two further amending Ordinances brought in already. A case of three Ordinances instead of one. The point raised by such a proceeding is worthy of the most careful attention of the Government, because it is on the ease and facility with which its laws can be consulted that an administration must very largely be judged.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Philosopher's Stone.

The quest of the Philosopher's Stone goes on. A little while ago a Japanese was reported to have discovered a process for transmuting base material into gold upon a wholesale scale. So far we have not heard that the "find" has exercised any adverse effect upon the bullion market. Following this comes another report of like character, and this time it concerns no less a magician than Mr. Edison, who is represented as declaring that thanks to a recent discovery, "it will now be possible to make gold artificially." Were the alchemists wiser than their critics, or are these reports only the echo of an ever-recurring chimera? If Mr. Edison or any other scientist does hit upon the secret, it may be hoped that it will not prove such a "wash out" as that synthetic product of another kind which was found to cost more than the original. Perhaps that would be the better alternative after all, for a market flooded with gold would be apt to produce disastrous results, as indicated in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tale of "Raffles Haw."

Weather Samples.

The Old Country has surely surpassed itself this year in its reputation for "samples" of weather. After a sultry summer, during which the mercury rose to a higher point than we experienced here, the temperature became just ordinary, only to break out with renewed intensity when October was well under way, the thermometer recording 84 deg. in the shade—the highest England has known so late in the year since the temperature was officially registered. Two or three weeks after, the weather was setting up another kind of record, for on November 10 one town recorded 21 deg. of frost, while at Greenwich the glass stood at 16 deg. below freezing point, which sufficed to mark the day as the coldest November 10 for more than half a century. By now, with Christmas at hand and thoughts inclining to the Yule log, perhaps the elements have swung back to the summer-like.

For the Lackadaisical.

It is interesting to compare the nostrums to which different sets of conditions give rise. In England the stress of unemployment prompted a "Right to Work" movement, and the Labour Party sought to have this principle—meaning an obligation upon the State to provide employment—embodied in legislation. In this case we see work treated as something to be avoided. A section of the natives are the most numerous offenders, but apparently some half-castes and Europeans entertain the same notion. Impartially, the Governor-General has instituted an "Idle-man Tax" for the edification of males without fixed occupation. His Excellency explains that the measure is designed simply to counteract laziness, not to interfere with the liberty of the individual. How people blessed, or afflicted, with private incomes are to be classified does not appear. In this sense the Madagascar principle is recognised at Home, where "unearned increment" pays income-tax at double rate.

A Real Champion.

In Mr. Edward Lewis, whom sporting circles, with their predilection for elegant nomenclature, have dubbed "Kid" Lewis, the Union Jack surely has a redoubtable upholder to encourage us among a number of disappointments. Lewis first came into prominence by winning the Lonsdale b'lt for the feather-weight championship, after which he made a long tour of Australasia and America, filling out into a welter-weight (light middle-weight) in the process. In the States he had more than one stirring contest with Jack Britton for the world's welter-weight championship. Then, returning to England, he beat Sgt. Basham, the British welter-weight champion, and subsequently defeated the same opponent for the middle-weight title. Now, having vanquished Sailor McCormick, a cruiser-weight (light heavyweight), Lewis repeats his last year's challenge to Carpenter. Like the Frenchman, Lewis has worked up through nearly all the weight divisions. He must have been conceding a jump of

avordupois to McCormick, though, seeing that it was lately stated that Lewis can still make the welter-weight limit. This means that Georges would be receiving instead of conceding a liberal poundage, as in most of his contests.

COIN-THROWING FROM CHARABANC.

Owing to the number of accidents caused by passengers throwing coins to children, the Automobile Association has prepared plates for attachment to charabanc seats warning the public against the dangerous practice.

In Wireless Communication.

The following vessels were in wireless communication with the port at 2.30 p.m. to-day: Tjikanbang, Nippou, City of Glasgow, Hwa Ping, Bengoe, Atlas Maru, Porthos, Egermont Castle, City of Boston, Glenavy.

DAY BY DAY.

HE WHO IS ONE WITH HIMSELF IS EVERYTHING.—Aertrock.

To-day is being observed the Chinese festival of the Winter Solstice.

There were two cases of cerebro-spinal fever and one case of paratyphoid fever reported yesterday.

The result of the Bognor Pool played over the last weekend was as follows:—H. U. Ireland 2 up, H. R. Buckland 1 down, A. H. Ferguson 2 down, and G. M. Dodwell 2 down.

We have received from Messrs. S. Morris and Co. a very attractive wall calendar "The Moonlight Sonata." From Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co. we have received a neat and useful desk calendar.

A shopkeeper, of No. 26 Connaught Road Central, is now bemoaning the loss of \$1,000 which was to have been paid to a creditor. He sent a telegram to the money, and the man made the most of the opportunity by absconding with the sum.

We are asked to remind our readers that there will be a Cinematograph display for children at the Helena May Institute to-morrow afternoon, December 23rd, at 3 p.m., which is open to members of the Institute, their children and their friends.

Twelve months and twelve strokes was the smart sentence passed on a snatcher charged before the Magistrate this morning by Miss F.C. Wu, of St. Paul's Girls' College. The theft occurred in Wing Lok Street, and led to the swift arrest of the culprit by a Chinese detective.

A watchman, 52 years of age, was yesterday removed by motor ambulance to the Government Civil Hospital in a dying state from No. 22 Caine Road. He had taken an overdose of opium, apparently with the intention of committing suicide. The result proved to be fatal, for he died shortly after his admission to the Hospital.

The Indian watchman, Yab Mahomed, who said he was an old watchman of the P. and O., was this morning sentenced to the maximum penalty of one year's hard labour on the charge that he had been brought against him of being a trafficker in arms. It will be recalled that the case was the outcome of investigations into the discovery of a German automatic pistol at Mody's Godown on Praya East.

A miniature camp is now erected on Murray Parade Ground where the Wiltshires will take up their quarters on leaving Murray Barracks to make room for the Liverpool Regiment which is expected to arrive here aboard the transport Himalaya on the 12th instant. Their duration in camp will be very short as the Wiltshires are under orders to embark aboard the Himalaya five days after being relieved by the Liverpool. The number of the garrison is 880.

A young man, who was sent to Wanchai from Wyndham Street with a bundle of clothing, was met at Queen's Road yesterday by two men who engaged him in conversation, and eventually requested him to change a bundle of what appeared to be notes for them. He complied, but very soon afterwards discovered that it was only a bundle of waste paper. When he returned to look for the men he found that they had disappeared with the bundle of clothing; when he had handed it to them as security for the safe return of the "notes."

Why the Shortage?

The China Navigation Com-

SHANGHAI NEWS.

Late Interesting Items.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

A telegram has been received here from Kweliin which officially denies that Mrs. Sun Yat-sen has been kidnapped.

A Hazardous Trip.

The sailing yacht Alpha, of only two-hundred tons weight and 18 feet in length, has sailed from here for Hongkong on the first stage of a round-the-world trip.

The Small Pox Epidemic.

There have been two more deaths among the foreign community from small pox. The official health report states that there were 31 foreign cases during November, and fifteen last week. There have been many Chinese deaths from cases not reported.

The Women's Hostel.

The new British Women's Hostel was assured of success at the Town Hall Bazaar.

Christmas Charity.

Relief organisations as well as the Rotary Club are planning to give Christmas gifts to practically every poor family in Shanghai. There is an unprecedented amount of poverty, hundreds of Russians and Portuguese being destitute.

Suicide Verdict.

The Jury brought in a verdict of suicide in the case of the late Mr. Adams.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

American Passenger Sailing Every Two Weeks.

With the sailing of the Pine Tree State from Seattle and the trial trips of Bay State out of Camden, New Jersey the Far East is assured of the operation from Seattle of five of the big American 333-foot passenger and freight boats. The Shipping Board now operates three vessels, the Keystone State, Silver State and Wenatchee on the shorter northern route between Seattle and Hongkong. The assignment of these two new vessels will give an American passenger sailing for the Far East every two weeks.

The Shipping Board has authorised the Pacific Steamship Company, operators of these fine boats, to increase the steerage accommodation from 300 to 500 as the American service has attracted capacity lists for the steerage. Seattle shipping interests in urging these additional vessels for the Seattle-Hongkong run sent data to the Shipping Board showing that three mails were despatched out of the Puget Sound gateway for every one from California and that the Japanese trans-Pacific shipping was concentrated on Puget Sound because of the shorter distance in comparison with southern ports.

The Shipping Board was urged to meet competition of the Canadian Pacific, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha out of Puget Sound with fast passenger and freight steamers. Recent running has found the vessels doing excellent time and keeping well to schedule.

Why the Shortage?

The China Navigation Com-

pany's steamer Chingchow brought only 19 deck pas-

sengers from Bangkok—16 men and three women. The usual number carried by vessels from Bangkok is anything up to 1,000 or even 1,200. Has the ap-

proaching Chinese New Year anything to do with the slackening off? Are the Bangkok Chinese aiming at celebrating it there or do they propose to delay their return to China until the Chinese New Year is due?

The Yokohama Maru.

Ms. G. S. Dovey of the China Mutual Trading Company, Shanghai, and Mrs. Dovey are passing through on the Yokohama Maru on their way to London.

The Yokohama Maru carried 109 passengers, only two of these for Hongkong. Twenty-five were first-class and 18 second-class passengers.

The vessel had 1,933 tons of

cargo for Hongkong, mainly pe-

nuts, tea and camphor.

In Wireless Communication.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

The Servicemen's Debate.

Sir.—The use of the phrase in Monday's "China Mail" "the worst elements in Hongkong", in reference to the meeting of ex-service men last Sunday was singularly unfortunate, as the writer thereof cast a slur not only on all the gentlemen present on that occasion, but also upon the gallant men and officers who fought and died so bravely for their own and other citizens' safety during the years 1914-1918, which I am sure could not have been the commentator's intention.

While the war was on and the soldier was necessary to the arm-chair critic's comfort and welfare, nothing was too good for him, both in the press and out of it; now it seems that the press is to abuse the ex-service man as much as it likes with impunity.

Is not this attitude a very "mean and dirty" way of returning all that the same ex-service men did and gave in the cause of humanity? If a man is not made enough to give these ex-service men (who are the same fellows in multi as in khaki) credit that used to be thought their due, would it not be better if he merely held his tongue?

Please do not think that I am in any way antagonistic to the writer of the comment in question, or that I overlook the fact that every man is entitled to hold what views he pleases, but is it too much to suggest that in a case where a man does not feel able to give approval, he should refrain from endeavouring to do public injury to a good cause, by not saying anything at all?

I am, etc.
J. E. OLLERTON.
Hongkong, December 21st.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Twenty-six pounds is a record price for a gander, and the egg from which it was hatched was indeed a golden one. It is a Toulouse bird for which this pheasant has just been paid at Nuneaton, and this variety, which retains the colouring of the "grey lag" from which it was developed, attains on the whole to a greater size than the all-white British Embden goose. It has been bought for America to improve the local breed, and should prove a profitable investment. Geese, however, do not yield the profit they did of yore, for the R.S.P.C.A. successfully prevent the continuance of the cruel custom of plucking the living goose five times a year for the sake of the profit got from its feathers.

OPTIMISTIC REPORT CONCERNING IRELAND.

Peace "for Ever."

The following wireless report comes through from Nanen via the Asiatic News Agency under date the 9th. One can only hope that the writer's optimism will prove well-founded:

Latest advices from London report that in spite of the opposition of Mr. de Valera (vis-à-vis the new English-Irish agreement, the Irish public opinion favours its ratification by the Dail Eireann so as to give internal peace and order to Ireland for ever. It is even anticipated that the new agreement will be passed by the Sinn Fein Parliament with a heavy majority on Tuesday and that the Duke of York will be appointed the first Governor-General of the Irish Free State. It is authentically reported from Dublin that in the Dail Eireann, about one hundred members are in favour of the ratification of the new convention and the outlook is, therefore, bright.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Christmas comes but once a year and it's maybe just as well. Our house has been a cross between a midden and a pawnshop for nearly a week now. If it wasn't that the building is stuck into the ground and over heavy to lift, I solemnly believe that my wife would have it shifted into the roadway one forenoon and have the coolie set to and sweep and wash it below it. Janet, she's an animated cleanser. That would be nothing if she wasn't so whole-some about it. She and I haven't spoken a civil word to each other and I'm that mad that I dare trust myself to begin.

Time was when I had the three-wish idea of the fairy tales. One was to play the fiddle, another to learn Greek and the third, if luck held out, to own a bulldog. But that was long ago. Now, I'm satisfied to be left alone. Married life knocks a lot o' high-falutin' ideas out

CHINESE MERCHANTS BANQUET.

Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-Son Entertained.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-Son, who was recently appointed an Unofficial member of the Legislative Council as representing the Chinese community, was the guest of the honour at a banquet held at the King Woo Hotel, West Point, last evening. The dinner was arranged by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and was presided over by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, the senior Chinese Unofficial member. There were about 150 Chinese business and professional men present, including Sir Robert Ho Tung.

The toasts of the King and the President of the Chinese Republic having been honoured, the Chairman said they were gathered together that night to do honour to Mr. Chow Shou-Son, a familiar figure amongst the Chinese of the Colony of whose sterling qualities and keen interest in matters conducing to the welfare of the Chinese public he, would like to speak. Mr. Chow Shou-Son was an old and popular Chinese resident in the Colony, and had travelled extensively when young to study, many of the students with whom he went to America now occupying important positions under the Chinese Government. On his return to China on the completion of his education, Mr. Chow was sent to Korea by Mr. Li Hung-chang to establish Chinese Customs there, and subsequently became Chinese Consul in Chinhin (in Korea). The appointment was followed by several others in China, and about ten years ago rebellion broke out in China and compelled Mr. Chow to return to Hongkong, the place of his nativity. He then washed his hands of Chinese politics and established himself as a merchant, taking a keen interest in and giving practical support to philanthropic work. In electing Mr. Chow Shou-Son as a representative of the Chinese community in Hongkong, the Governor showed excellent judgment for it was hard to obtain a man better than Mr. Chow Shou-Son who possessed matured experience, commercially and in governmental matters. Mr. Chow Shou-Son's election would afford a wider scope for the valuable work which he had done for the Chinese in Hongkong, and he (the Chairman) was sure all would join him in wishing Mr. Chow Shou-Son a splendid career.

Thanking the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for the entertainment and to the Chairman for his flattering remarks about him, the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-Son said that in whatever he had done for the Chinese community he owed it to the generous support of his many friends for his success. His election was quite unexpected and he assured these present that he would do his best to further the welfare of the Chinese in Hongkong. China had been for many years the scene of intestine warfare between different provinces, with the result that the people had to flee for protection on account of the consequent disorders that arose. The Chinese in Hongkong had been fortunate in living in a place where they received ample protection whenever they needed it, and without any exaggeration he must say that his countrymen in Hongkong received better treatment than in many foreign lands where the Chinese had settled. He observed this in his travels. For example Hongkong had a sound judiciary system which was much more elastic than that in China and the machinery of law was operated on better and more reasonable principles. He was not saying this because he had been given a seat on the Legislative Council; he said it in the cause of equity. If the Chinese appreciated the consideration of the Government and reciprocated it by giving all possible help there was sure to be good government which was not only necessary to the prosperity of the Government, but to the people.

Mr. L. Yik Mai, took the opportunity of expressing his thanks on behalf of these present, for the invaluable work done by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak as the senior Chinese member on the Legislative Council and as Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce which absorbed much of Mr. Lau's leisure.

Mr. Lau Chu-pak expressed his thanks to Mr. Li Yik-mui.

KING'S AID FOR CORNISH MINERS.

£100 has been subscribed by the King to the relief fund of the Cornish miners.

THE PEAK SCHOOL.

Prize Distribution Yesterday.

A very enjoyable entertainment, given by the scholars of the Peak School, preceded the annual distribution of prizes by Lady Stubbs yesterday evening. The ceremony took place at the Peak Club which was crowded with parents of the children and friends.

The programme included recitations, dances, songs and a card and the exceedingly pretty way in which they were carried out reflected great credit not only upon those taking part but upon the school staff who had gone to great pains in training the children. The dances of the elder scholars, attired in beautiful dresses, were especially appreciated and generously applauded. Miss Alison Nicholson, opened the proceedings with an appropriate recitation and was followed by a charming dance in which the Misses A. Nicholson, K. Blair, F. Nicholson, K. Phelps, P. Newton, M. Austin and M. Cameron participated. A song by the infants was much enjoyed and a finely executed Butterfly dance by Miss Mary Saunders also met with full measure of appreciation. After another recitation by the infants, came a song "Foreign Children," in which Misses K. Phelps, K. Blair, M. Cameron, M. Austin, P. Newton, J. Pezman, A. Nicholson, F. Nicholson and N. Hazelton, in character costumes, took part. The audience insisted upon the children returning to the stage. The infants gave a couple of amusing little songs, and Misses K. Blair, A. Nicholson, M. Austin F. Nicholson, M. Cameron and P. Newton obliged with rhythmic dances, the programme being brought to a conclusion with a well-rended "Father Xmas" Carol.

Headmistress' Report.

The Headmistress' report, read by the Hon. Mr. E. H. Irving, was as follows:

Attendance: School opened on January 18th with 41 pupils and closed for the year on December 1st with 40 pupils. The attendance has generally been regular, but, as usual, fell during the months of May and June to 38. As is the previous year, afternoon school was stopped during the summer months. The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education kindly offered a prize for the pupil whose attendance was best for the year. This has been won by Bessie Blair who made 205 attendances out of a possible 208.

Health: The health of the pupils has been excellent, no infectious disease of any sort having been prevalent in the School, although a few children contracted whooping cough during the summer holidays and this delayed their return. The medical reports have been most favourable and slight affection to eyes and teeth in a few cases was all that was required.

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Changing Personnel.

The Hon. Mr. Irving said he thought the report represented very fairly the condition of the School as it now was. There were one or two small points to which he wished, very briefly, to draw attention.

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Division II, 1 Honour, 6 Passes.

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LOVE'S DREAM.
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Liszt wrote three short tone poems for piano solo, called "Liebestraum." The most famous of the three is this one in A flat, which was published in 1850 as a piano solo. It was originally a song, set to a poem by Ferdinand Freiligrath, a young Revolutionary poet. Liszt later arranged it in the form of a piano solo. It is a beautiful example of poetic thought.

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Prize List.

The prizes consisted of useful books and certificates and were handed by Lady Stubbs to the following:

Form IV.—Bessie Blair, (form prize and special prize for attendance); Margaret Cameron, (attendance study and geography, special prize—class work); May Austin, (arithmetic and algebra); Kitty Blair, (sewing and drawing).

Form V.—Theodora Cameron, (form prize); Fairlie Nicholson, (grammar and arithmetic); Alison Nicholson, (recitation, history and geography).

Form VI.—Katherine Chadwick, (form prize); Roy Austin, (reading and arithmetic); Hilary Lowe, (recitation and history).

Form VII.—Peggy Hornell, (form prize); Valerie Birrell, (writing and history); Dick Shiner, (attendance and drawing).

Form VIII.—Denys Clark, (form prize); Joan Hornell, (reading and recitation); Peter Humphreys, (general progress); Sibyl Crawford, (number).

Infants A.—Jackie Breakspeare, (number); George Appar, (reading).

Infants B.—Sheila Lang (conduct).

Infants C.—Eileen Ranger (conduct and application).

Infants C.—Neil Wilson (recitation); Neil Wilson, (general improvement); Keith Nott, (number); Alan Comrie, (reading and number).

Royal Drawing Society Results.
Division I. Honours.—Kitty Blair, Bessie Blair, May Austin, Theodora Cameron and Margaret Cameron.

Division I. Pass.—William Long and Peggy Humphreys.

Division II. Honours.—Margaret Cameron.

Division II. Pass.—Kitty Blair, Bessie Blair, Leo Kokolevsky, Kathleen Phelps, Alan Leask and May Austin.

Division III. Pass.—Kitty Blair, Bessie Blair and Kathleen Phelps.

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At the instance of the Hon. Mr. Irving, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Lady Stubbs.

Lady Stubbs spoke a few words of encouragement to the children, especially praising them for their work in connection with the "Brownies" and Girl Guides. She thought that they had done very well and the training they had received would be most useful to them when they went to England and took part in what was being done there. Lady Stubbs thanked Mrs. Stark for all the trouble she had taken in arranging that event.

Lady Stubbs was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses and the proceedings were brought to a close with the singing of a verse of the National Anthem.

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General Leonard Wood being decorated with the first class Order of the Rising Sun on his recent visit to Japan. W. Cameron Forbes, former governor general of the Philippines (right), received a similar decoration.



Mary Wright, all-round athlete of Woolwich, England, up in the air.



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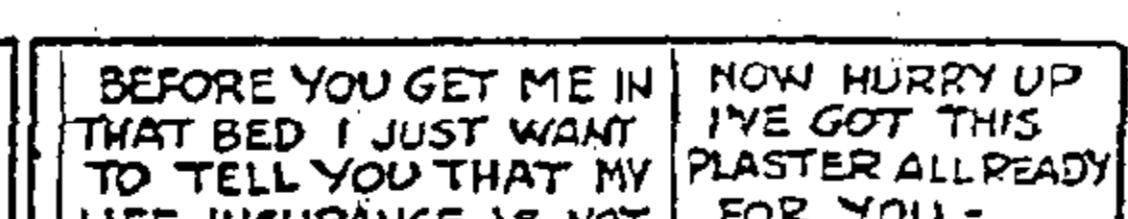


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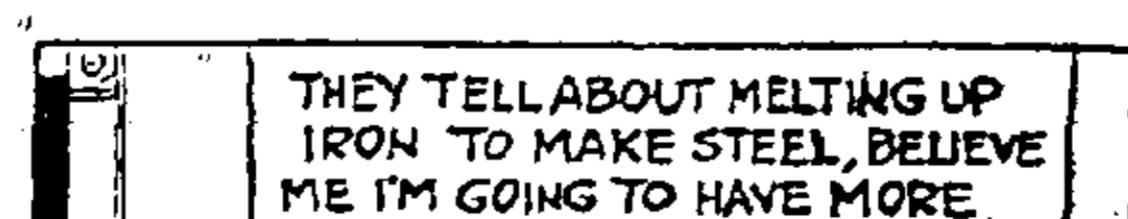
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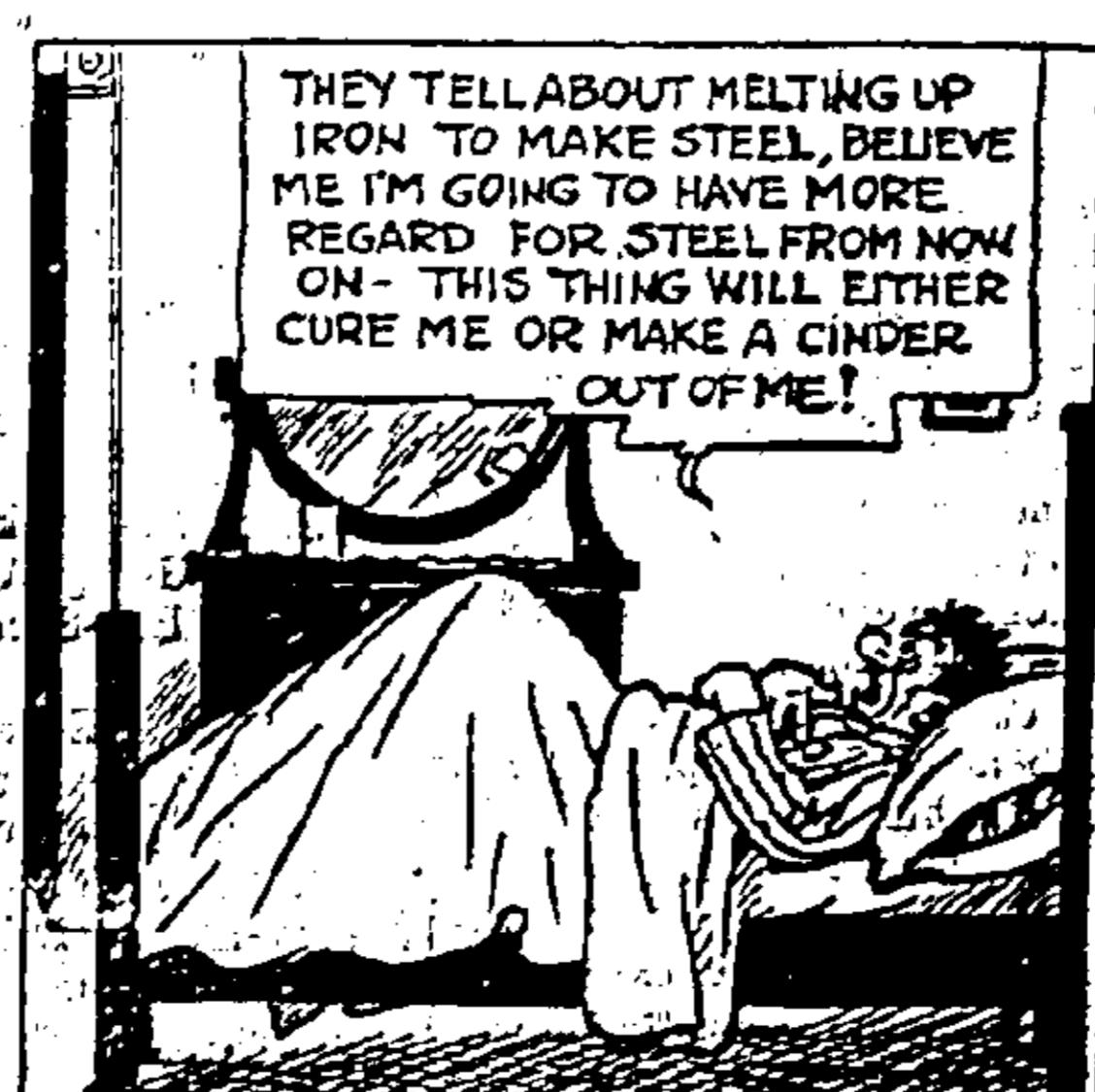
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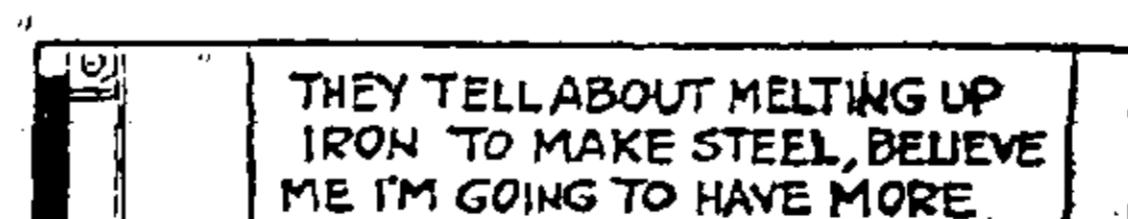
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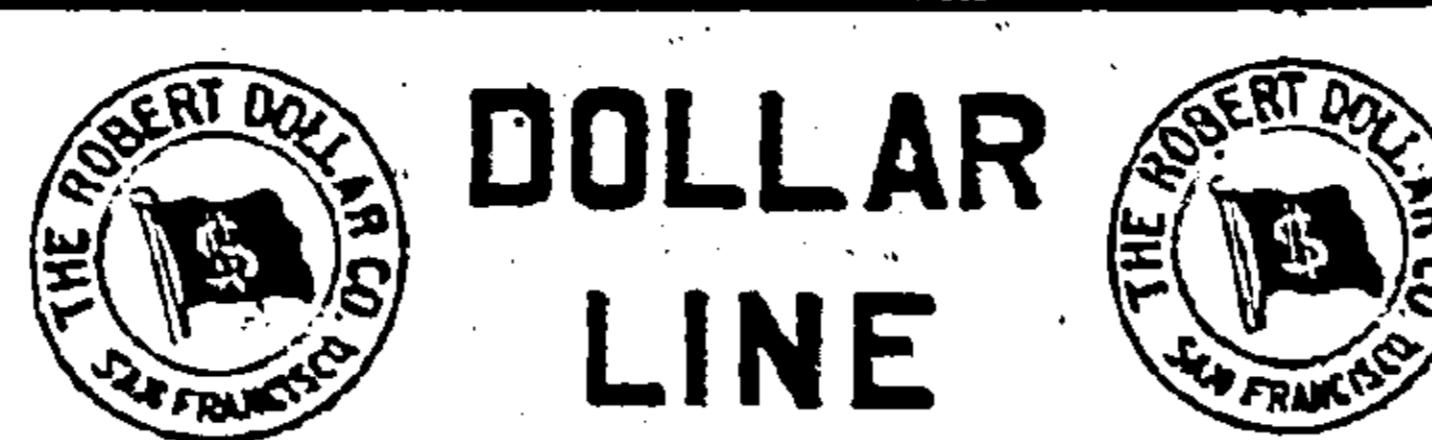
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| S.S. | Tons | From Hong Kong (about) | Destination |
|---------|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| DUNERA | 5,200 | 27th Dec. | S'pore, Colombo & Bombay |
| DONGOLA | 8,000 | 4th Jan. | M'les, London & Antwerp |
| DILWARA | 5,200 | 12th Jan. | S'pore, Colombo & E'bay |

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

| TAKADA | 7,000 | 1st Jan. | Calcutta via Straits. |
|---------|---------|----------|---|
| ARAFURA | 1,6,000 | 9th Jan. | { Malbournavia Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane Calls at Sebatik and Sydney. |

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

| ARAFURA | 1,6,000 | 9th Jan. | { Malbournavia Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane Calls at Sebatik and Sydney. |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|---|
| SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN. | | | |

| ARAFURA | 1,6,000 | 22nd Dec. noon | Yokohama direct. |
|---|---------|----------------|------------------|
| All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice. | | | |

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YOSHINO MARU ... Friday, 6th Jan. at 11 a.m.
MISHIMA MARU ... Friday, 20th Jan. at 11 a.m.SADO MARU ... Friday, 3rd Feb. at 11 a.m.
HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

LIMA MARU ... Thursday, 19th January.

LIVERPOOL, via MARSELLES.

BALACCA MARU ... Thursday, 9th February.

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NEW YORK via Suez.

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo

TAMBA MARU ... Monday, 2nd January.

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YOSHIO MARU ... Thursday, 29th December.

NAGANO MARU ... Thursday, 5th January.

NAOSAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Jan., at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

NAGO MARU ... Sunday, 25th Dec. at 11 a.m.

TSURUGA MARU ... (Calling Kure) Saturday, 31st Dec.

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HAIPHONG via Hoibow Lokhang Sun. 25th Dec. at 10 a.m.

BANGKOK via Swallow Chumang Wed. 28th Dec. at d'light.

SHANGHAI via Swallow Choyang Wed. 28th Dec. at d'light.

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NOTICES.

ADVERTISEMENT.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.
The correspondence between Mr. Hughes and Briand with reference to the French attitude on the naval ratio question officially published by the Secretary of State on Dec. 16, recapitulated the agreement reached by the Big Three. It points out that if France made the same sacrifices as the other Powers her capital ship tonnage would be 100,000, but the Big Three are willing that she should have 175,000 in order to prevent her scrapping dreadnoughts. It also shows that the relative strengths sought by France would actually become much less if the Big Three had not entered into an agreement and continued shipbuilding.

M. Briand, wiring from London on the 18th inst., replying to Mr. Hughes, defers to the latter's views as regards capital ships, but says he cannot accept reductions in defensive ships corresponding to those for capital ships, as the former are necessary for protection of the colonies.

THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

London, Dec. 21.
A resuscitation scheme for the Banque Industrielle de Chine is reported from Paris, broadly consisting of the application of money unpaid to France in connection with the Boxer Indemnity to the re-establishment of the Bank. A semi-official statement from Paris declares that the reports are premature and says the matter will be considered by M. Briand when he returns from London.

EAST INDIES LOAN.

The Hague, Dec. 21.
The provisional report of the Second Chamber Committee on the Dutch East Indies Loan, mentioned on the 16th inst., shows that a group of members object to a loan in foreign currency, fearing difficulties regarding redemption and payment of interest in the event of an alteration in exchange. They also fear that America will tend to acquire an influence in the East Indies which might entail unfavourable consequences. They consider seven and a half per cent. interest too high. The majority opine, however, that the Bill is the only means of avoiding too high a floating debt without excessively inconveniencing the Netherlands financial market.

JAPAN AND CHINA.

Washington, Dec. 21.
After the Japanese delegates declared it necessary to obtain instructions from Tokio regarding the entire Shantung question, the Sino-Japanese conversations thereon were adjourned sine die without an agreement being reached respecting the control of the Tsinan-Tsinan railway.

KRUPPS BIG OUTPUT.

Berlin, Dec. 21.
Krupps report net profits of Marks 93,000,000, compared with Marks 79,000,000 last year. Steel production reached 60 per cent. of the pre-war total.

EXCHANGE.

Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 11.

SELLING.

1/T 5/7

Demand 5/7 1/2

50 ds 2/7 1/2

4 ms 2/7 1/2

1/T Shanghai Nom.

1/T Singapore 11/1 1/2

1/T Japan 11/3 1/2

1/T India 19/4

1/T San Francisco & New York 54 1/4

1/T Java 149

1/T Manila Nom.

1/T France 6/7 3

Demand, Paris —

BUYING.

1/m, L/C 2/8 1/2

1/m, D/P 2/9

5/m, L/C 2/9 1/2

10/ds, Sydney and Melbourne 2/10 1/2

10/ds, San Francisco & New York 57 1/2

1/m, Marks Nom.

1/m, France 7/35

5/m, France 7/55

Demand, Germany —

Demand, New York Nom.

1/T Bombay 19/4

Demand, Bombay Nom.

1/T Calcutta 19/4

Demand, Calcutta 19/4

In Yokohama 11/3 1/2

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Sumoon, from Kobe.

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Y. S. King, s.s. Hwahjah, from Shanghai.

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Yuke, from Shanghai.

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Taichongshung, from Shanghai.

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Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1921.

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| High Water 4:30 a.m. |
| Low Water 11:30 a.m. |
| High Water 4:30 p.m. |
| Low Water 11:30 p.m. |

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